

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

SUFFOLK, ss.

SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT
FOR SUFFOLK COUNTY
No. SJ-2021-0408

**RONALD GEDDES, AC, and RAR, EACH ON THEIR OWN BEHALF AND ON
BEHALF OF A CLASS OF SIMILARLY SITUATED INDIVIDUALS**

v.

**CITY OF BOSTON; BOSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT; BOSTON PUBLIC HEALTH
COMMISSION; KIM M. JANEY, IN HER CAPACITY AS THE MAYOR OF THE
CITY OF BOSTON AND INDIVIDUALLY; GREGORY P. LONG, IN HIS
CAPACITY AS THE ACTING COMMISSIONER OF THE BOSTON POLICE
DEPARTMENT AND INDIVIDUALLY; AND BISOLA OJIKUTU, IN HER CAPACITY
AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE BOSTON PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION AND
INDIVIDUALLY**

INTERIM ORDER

I have read the plaintiffs' complaint, which, among other things, requests a temporary restraining order and a preliminary injunction. In order to give the matter the prompt attention that it deserves, I hereby order as follows:

1. The defendants shall file their answer(s) to the complaint by 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 9, 2021.

2. The parties shall appear at a status conference at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 9, 2021, in Courtroom One, to discuss the appropriate next steps. The parties should be prepared to discuss, among other things, whether there are genuine material factual disputes or whether the parties anticipate that all

material facts can be agreed on; whether this court is in a position to decide the entire case or whether some or all claims should be transferred to the Superior Court for the development of a factual record and resolution of the claims in the first instance; if the case is to be transferred, what if any action this court should take before the transfer; and, generally, an appropriate game plan for a timely, fair, and efficient resolution of the case.

3. The parties should also be prepared to argue their positions on the request for a temporary restraining order, in the event that this court is to rule on that request, although, if the case is to be transferred, there is no assurance that this court will rule on the matter before transfer.

By the Court

/s/ Frank M. Gaziano
Associate Justice

Date: November 5, 2021